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JEWS "BONDED" TOGETHER.

—In the annual report of Jake Loeb as president of the Chicago Hebrew institute he raises the question why the Jews of this city don't warm up with enthusiasm to the work of the institute. He states:

"We should have more members. Why haven't we? Because the Jews of Chicago don't know the institute. We must have 6,500 members. How shall we secure them? By making the institute, its work and its meaning more generally known. Show your fellow Jew that we are striving to educate and guide the young men and women here, that we are making good Americans and better Jews. By a common religion and a common history we Jews are inseparably bonded together."

Nowhere in this annual report does Jake Loeb as president discuss the how and why of a big drop in its membership. On the page where Philip L. Seaman, superintendent, reports registration in classes for the study of English it is shown that membership dropped from 476 in 1915 to 88 in this year, and the number of Jews registered for lecture courses dropped from 201 to 114.

Though Jake Loeb states that "we Jews are inseparably bonded together," he does not touch on the fact that the Chicago Hebrew institute has been split wide open through the secession of a large

block of members who have organized the Workers' institute. While the Chicago Hebrew institute is running at 1258 W. Taylor st. with a registration of 88 members in English classes, the Workers' institute is running at 912 Ashland av. with 164 members.

As an organizer of the young Jews who are lovers of liberty, the young Jews who believe in "The Promised Land," written of so eloquently by Mary Antrim, Jake Loeb has to date proven himself a failure.

When Jake Loeb choked off free speech in the Hebrew institute and was denounced by Jacob Le Bosky as practicing the brutal, suppressive methods of the Russian Czar's bureaucracy, he went definitely on record with an act that shows whether or not he is a friend of all Jews or only a pal of the rich Jews exploiting the poor Jews.

It was this trait of tyranny, this joy of always choking off somebody or something, that was seen by the young Jew who wrote the New Republic article nailing Jake Loeb as an enemy of liberty through wrecking the merit system among public school teachers.

From the day in June, 1915, when Jake Loeb tried to put through a seven and one-half per cent cut in the salaries of all public school teachers and on up to June 27, 1915, when he manipulated a wholesale discharge of efficient teachers, his record is easily the worst blotch in Chicago history that can be credited to a Jewish public official.

Louis Brandeis, Walter Lippman, Mary Antrim—these are the type of Jews who throw a flash of glory on the name of the Jews in America. These are Jews who repudiate the bunk of Jake Loeb that "we Jews are inseparably bonded together."

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In contemplating what he has done for others, the average man is prone to forget what the others have done for him.